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I met with [ ] of the Procurement Division to discuss procurement methods to be used in ordering the security desk trays. It was their opinion that regardless of whether or not the Safemasters had applied for a patent, the order would be placed on a bid basis.

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They requested that I submit a requisition with accompanying drawings and specifications.

Following the discussion with [ ] and [ ], I called Mr. Miller of Safemasters to clarify my understanding of the patent involved and to request any assistance he might give us in preparing specifications. Mr. Miller's opinion was that, because of the patent, CIA should be able to place the order on a contract basis with him rather than on a bid basis. He suggested that ~~He~~ investigate this and that he would call me back.

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Mr. Miller called today and requested that I meet with Mr. Allen Harrison of his office. Mr. Harrison had nothing new to offer when I told him that the method of procurement was out of my hands. He did offer to prepare some specifications which he would give to us by next Monday, 8 February.

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At [ ] suggestion, I called on [ ] of the Engineering Staff, Office of Communications, and requested drawings of the security desk trays for use in getting bids on an order for them. [ ] gave the assignment to [ ] [ ] said that he presently had time to start the drawings immediately and that he would let me know of anything that would necessitate a delay.

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[ ] called to say he would have to stop work on the drawing and could not start again until about Thursday. Mr. Harrison of Submarine called and left their specifications with me.

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Called on [ ] re drawing. They  
are complete except for the book which he  
has started today and which appears to  
be a little difficult to lay out

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During the development of the metal desk tray, Mr. Miller of Safemasters, Inc. asked for approval to patent the tray. In investigating the ramifications involved, [ ] of the Office of the General Counsel was contacted. In [ ] opinion, Mr. Miller has the legal right to obtain the patent regardless of the Agency's approval or disapproval. However, [ ] feels that the patent should contain a clause giving the Government license to purchase the tray without payment of a royalty fee if Mr. Miller will agree to it. Mr. Miller has been informed of this and was requested to have such a clause included in the patent.

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